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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
M. YOKOI, et al.

Serial No.: 09/673,643

Art Unit: 1641

Filed: November 9, 2001

Examiner: J. Grun

For: Immunoassay Reagents And Immunoassay Method

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the official final Office Action mailed August 15, 2001, and the interview conducted with Dr. Grun on November 9, 2001, in the matter of the above-identified application, kindly amend the same as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claim 4 and rewrite Claims 1, 3, and 11 as follows:

Please substitute the following amended Claims 1, 3 and 11 for the original claims as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) An immunoassay reagent for use in a quantitative determination of a target antigen or antibody present in a sample, said reagent consisting essentially of the following components:

(a) An insoluble carrier which carries and is coupled to an enzyme and an antibody or antigen reactive with said target antigen or antibody, said insoluble carrier comprising at least one